

**Table 88 (page 1 of 2). Home health care and hospice patients, according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1992–98**

[Data are based on a survey of current home health care and hospice patients]

Type of patient and characteristic	1992	1994	1996	1998
Home health care patients	Number of current patients			
Total.....	1,232,200	1,889,327	2,427,483	1,881,768
	Patients per 10,000 population			
Total.....	47.8	71.8	90.6	69.6
Age at interview:				
Under 65 years, crude .....	12.6	21.0	27.8	25.0
65 years and over, crude.....	295.4	424.9	526.3	375.7
65 years and over, age adjusted <sup>1</sup> .....	315.8	449.6	546.6	381.0
65–74 years .....	151.7	209.1	240.1	202.0
75–84 years .....	398.3	542.2	753.6	470.3
85 years and over.....	775.9	1,206.1	1,253.4	885.4
Sex:				
Male, total .....	32.6	47.8	60.9	47.9
Under 65 years, crude .....	10.9	17.8	22.1	22.9
65 years and over, crude.....	219.2	303.1	386.4	255.2
65 years and over, age adjusted <sup>1</sup> .....	255.8	350.0	438.3	277.6
65–74 years .....	121.8	169.9	187.0	159.7
75–84 years .....	322.0	427.5	598.7	321.4
85 years and over.....	635.2	893.1	1,044.3	653.0
Female, total .....	62.4	94.7	118.9	90.4
Under 65 years, crude.....	14.3	24.2	33.6	27.0
65 years and over, crude.....	347.4	508.9	623.9	460.4
65 years and over, age adjusted <sup>1</sup> .....	351.5	506.6	615.0	445.8
65–74 years .....	175.3	240.6	283.2	236.3
75–84 years .....	445.3	614.5	854.0	568.8
85 years and over.....	830.7	1,327.6	1,337.0	981.7
	Percent distribution			
Age at interview: <sup>2</sup>				
Under 65 years .....	23.1	25.7	27.0	31.3
65 years and over .....	76.9	74.3	73.0	68.7
65–74 years .....	22.6	20.6	18.4	19.7
75–84 years .....	33.9	31.2	35.3	29.9
85 years and over.....	20.4	22.4	19.4	19.1
Sex:				
Male .....	33.2	32.5	32.9	33.6
Female .....	66.8	67.5	67.1	66.4
Primary admission diagnosis: <sup>3</sup>				
Malignant neoplasms .....	5.7	5.7	4.8	3.8
Diabetes .....	7.7	8.1	8.5	6.1
Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs .....	6.3	8.0	5.8	7.6
Diseases of the circulatory system.....	25.9	27.2	25.6	23.6
Diseases of heart .....	12.6	14.3	10.9	12.3
Cerebrovascular diseases .....	5.8	6.1	7.8	5.1
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	6.6	6.1	7.7	7.9
Decubitus ulcers.....	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.2
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue..	9.4	8.3	8.8	8.3
Osteoarthritis .....	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.7
Fractures, all sites .....	3.8	3.7	3.3	4.0
Fracture of neck of femur (hip).....	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.1
Other .....	32.7	31.8	34.6	37.5

See footnotes at end of table.

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Type of patient and characteristic	1992	1994	1996	1998
Hospice patients				
Total.....	52,100	60,783	59,363	79,837
Number of current patients				
Total.....	2.0	2.3	2.2	3.0
Patients per 10,000 population				
Age at interview:				
Under 65 years, crude .....	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.7
65 years and over, crude.....	13.1	12.9	13.9	18.2
65 years and over, age adjusted <sup>1</sup> .....	13.7	13.6	14.4	18.4
65–74 years .....	7.8	7.3	7.8	9.9
75–84 years .....	19.2	16.9	16.9	22.0
85 years and over.....	23.4	30.6	34.7	44.7
Sex:				
Male, total .....	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.6
Under 65 years, crude.....	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.7
65 years and over, crude.....	13.9	12.5	14.8	18.5
65 years and over, age adjusted <sup>1</sup> .....	16.0	14.4	16.1	20.3
65–74 years .....	6.3	7.0	10.4	10.2
75–84 years .....	25.8	18.2	18.5	25.2
85 years and over.....	28.8	34.8	33.9	49.2
Female, total .....	2.1	2.5	2.4	3.3
Under 65 years, crude.....	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.8
65 years and over, crude.....	12.6	13.2	13.2	18.0
65 years and over, age adjusted <sup>1</sup> .....	12.6	13.2	12.9	17.3
65–74 years .....	8.9	7.5	5.8	9.6
75–84 years .....	15.1	16.1	15.9	19.9
85 years and over.....	21.4	29.0	35.0	42.9
Percent distribution				
Age at interview: <sup>2</sup>				
Under 65 years .....	19.5	30.1	21.3	21.6
65 years and over .....	80.5	69.9	78.7	78.4
65–74 years .....	27.3	22.2	24.5	22.7
75–84 years .....	38.6	30.1	32.4	32.9
85 years and over.....	14.6	17.6	21.9	22.7
Sex:				
Male .....	46.1	44.7	44.9	42.7
Female .....	53.9	55.3	55.1	57.3
Primary admission diagnosis: <sup>3</sup>				
Malignant neoplasms .....	65.7	57.2	58.3	55.5
Malignant neoplasms of large intestine and rectum.....	9.0	8.0	4.0	6.4
Malignant neoplasms of trachea, bronchus, and lung .....	21.1	12.5	15.8	13.0
Malignant neoplasm of breast .....	3.9	4.8	6.2	4.9
Malignant neoplasm of prostate .....	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.1
Diseases of heart .....	10.2	9.3	8.3	9.7
Diseases of the respiratory system.....	4.3	6.6	7.3	10.6
Other .....	19.8	27.0	26.1	24.3

<sup>1</sup>Age adjusted by the direct method to the year 2000 standard population using the following three age groups: 65–74 years, 75–84 years, and 85 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>2</sup>Denominator excludes persons with unknown age.

<sup>3</sup>Denominator excludes persons with unknown diagnosis.

NOTES: Current home health care and hospice patients are those who were under the care of their agency on any given day during the survey period. Rates are based on the civilian population as of July 1. Population figures are adjusted for net underenumeration using the 1990 National Population Adjustment Matrix from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Diagnostic categories are based on the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification*. For a listing of the code numbers, see Appendix II, table VIII. The number of home health care patients in 1994 has been revised and differs from the previous edition of *Health, United States*. Data are presented for age at interview and replace data for age at admission shown in the previous edition of *Health, United States*.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Home and Hospice Care Survey.